Sexual Abuse of Children

3318. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an alarming rise in sexual abuse of children in the country, particularly in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases of sexual abuse of children registered across the country during the last five years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent sexual abuse of children and protect their rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) A total of 2113, 2532 and 2949 cases of child rape were reported in the country during 2001 to 2003 respectively indicating a rising trend in child rape cases. In Goa, 10, 7 and 22 cases of child rape were reported during 2001-2003 respectively. Thus, overall an increasing trend in child rape cases was observed in Goa also.

(c) The State and UT wise incidence of child rape reported during 2001 to 2003 are given in statement (*See below*). Information for 2004 and 2005 are not available with the Government.

(d) The Government has drawn up plan of Action to combat trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. The Plan of Action consist of action points such as Prevention, Trafficking, Awareness Generation, Health Care Services, Education and Child Care, Shelter etc. The State Governments have been directed to implement the plan strictly. The Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1986 is being amended to make it more stringent for child sexual abuser. There are constitutional provisions and legislations for protection of child rights. The National Policy for Children envisages overall development of children. The Government is in process of constituting a statutory body known as National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, which will ensure effective implementation by the Government for the children in various sectors such as health, nutrition, education, water sanitation, protection from exploitation and abuse.

Statement

Incidence of Child Rape During 2001-2003

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	2001	2002	2003
1.	Andhra Pradesh	84	137	383
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	3	9
3.	Assam	0	3	5
4.	Bihar	16	3	3
5.	Goa	10	7	22
6.	Gujarat	39	67	75
7.	Haryana	108	84	77
8.	Himachal Pradesh	35	26	36
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6	7	2
10.	Karnataka	11	19	25
11.	Kerala	64	186	69
12.	Madhya Pradesh	390	517	699
13.	Maharashtra	367	491	605
14.	Manipur	0	0	7
15.	Meghalaya	0	16	24
16.	Mizoram	0	2	9
17.	Nagaland	0	6	0
18.	Orissa	17	21	55
19.	Punjab	38	52	54
20.	Rajasthan	35	38	49
21.	Sikkim	4	4	8
22.	Tamil Nadu	20	29	47
23.	Tripura	0	0	0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	562	416	301
25.	West Bengal	12	16	16
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	1	2
27.	Chandigarh	8	6	9
28.	Dadara & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	4
30	Delhi	113	138	140
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	4	4	1
33.	Chhattisgarh	150	182	186
34.	Jharkhand	11	43	16
35.	Uttranchal	9	8	11
	TOTAL:	2113	2532	2949